



Back to School NEWSLETTER

August 2026



Sargent Public Schools



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Reminder

All 7th-12th grade students participating in sports need to have their sports physicals completed before you can participate in practice. First day of Fall practice is August 10th.

Upcoming Event

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| ☀ 7th-12 th Fall Sports Parent
in Taylor-7pm | Aug 4th |
| ☀ Open House 6 pm | Aug 17th |
| ☀ First Day of School -1pm Dismissal | Aug 19th |

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Looking Forward to a New School Year

As we prepare to welcome students and staff back to Sargent Public Schools, I am excited about the progress we have made and the improvements that will benefit our students for years to come.

Recent Improvements and Additions

Over the past year, several enhancements have been made throughout the district:

- **Transportation:** We replaced three transit vans, ensuring safer and more reliable transportation for our students.
- **Athletics and Recreation:** New goalposts have been installed at the football field, and fencing has been added around the playground to enhance student safety.
- **Facilities:** New sixth-grade lockers have been installed on the second floor, and the elementary boys' restroom has been updated.
- **Teacher Space:** Mr. Likens' office has been relocated to the former green room, providing a more functional space for student and staff support.

These improvements build upon other recently completed projects across the school:

- **Lighting and Decor:** New LED lighting and painting on the second and third floors.
- **Cafeteria and Parking:** Enhancements to the cafeteria floor and a parking lot overlay.
- **Building Structure:** Roofing and insulation work, along with updated exterior panels and doors.
- **Technology:** Updated laptops and Chromebooks for both students and staff.

Major Projects Underway

Our largest ongoing project is the districtwide HVAC renovation. This initiative aims to improve heating, cooling, ventilation, and fresh-air circulation throughout the building. While construction will continue during the school year, we anticipate completion by the 2026–2027 school year. We appreciate everyone's patience during this period.

Future Plans for Enhanced Security

Additional safety improvements are scheduled for the 2026–2027 school year, including:

- **Updated Security Cameras:** To better monitor and ensure student and staff safety.
- **Keyless Entry Systems:** Enhancing building security by controlling access more effectively.

These projects will fortify building security and help us maintain a safe learning environment.

Commitment to Excellence

These investments reflect our dedication to maintaining a safe, comfortable, and welcoming school environment. I am deeply grateful to our Board of Education, staff, families, community members, volunteers, and supporters for their ongoing commitment to Sargent Public Schools.

We eagerly anticipate another outstanding year of learning, growth, and achievement. Thank you for your continued support of our students and staff. I look forward to seeing everyone back at school!

Byron Olsen

Superintendent

Sargent Public Schools



Welcome Back!

Dear Sargent Families,

Welcome to the start of another exciting school year! I am incredibly grateful and excited to begin year two as Principal of Sargent Public Schools. It has been a privilege to become part of this outstanding community, and I look forward to another year of learning, growth, and success alongside our amazing students, dedicated staff, and supportive families.

Our maintenance and custodial staff has been hard at work preparing classrooms and getting ready for another great year. You will also notice ongoing construction as we continue the long-awaited heating and air conditioning project. We appreciate your patience and flexibility as we make these important improvements to our school.

Important Back-to-School Information

Building Opens at 7:30 a.m.

For student safety and supervision, the school building will not open until 7:30 a.m. each morning. Please do not drop students off before that time unless they are participating in a school-sponsored activity under adult supervision. We appreciate your cooperation as we work to provide a safe environment for all students.

Back-to-School Open House

Monday, August 17 | 6:00 p.m.

Join us for our Back-to-School Open House! This is a great opportunity to meet teachers, visit classrooms, drop off school supplies, and reconnect with friends before the first day of school. Food will be provided, and we encourage all families to attend.

First Day of School

Wednesday, August 19 | 1:00 p.m. dismissal

We are excited to welcome students back for the first day of school! Please note that Wednesday, August 19, will be a 1:00 p.m. dismissal.

As we begin this new school year, our focus remains on providing every student with a safe, supportive, and engaging learning environment where they can grow academically, socially, and personally. We appreciate the trust you place in us each day and thank you for your continued partnership.

Here's to another outstanding year at Sargent Public Schools. We can't wait to see everyone soon!

As always, GO WOLVES!

Mr. Slingsby

PK-12 Principal, Activities Director



August 2026

Dear Patrons,

Another summer will soon be done, and it is time to think about returning to school. School will begin on August 19th at 8:00 with a 1:00 dismissal for the first day of school. School will start at 8:00 and dismiss at 3:30 Monday through Thursday, and dismiss at 2:30 on Friday unless we dismiss for heat, weather, in-services, etc. Early unscheduled dismissals will be announced on our automated calling system, over K-BEAR, KCNI-KBBN (Broken Bow), and KNLV (Ord) radio stations as well as being posted on Sandhill's Express, TV, and the school's website and Facebook.

We have enclosed a free and reduced lunch/breakfast application in this mailing. We encourage your participation. The number of students participating in the free/reduced-priced program directly impacts our state aid and our Title I program, as well as other federally funded grant programs.

In order for our Power Lunch automated lunch/breakfast program to work optimally, we again ask parents to pre-pay your child/children's lunches and breakfasts. You will be able to go online to check the balance on your child/ children's account at all times. IF YOU HAVE A NEGATIVE BALANCE, THE SCHOOL HAS TO BILL YOU, AND ASK THAT YOU PAY IN A TIMELY MANNER, OR THEIR LUNCH OPTIONS WILL BE CHANGED.

REMINDERS: All students entering Kindergarten and 7th grade are required by law to have physical examinations. All students entering Sargent Public Schools from out of state are also required to have a physical examination. State law requires all students to be immunized in order to attend school. If, for some reason, your child/ children do not have all the required shots, we must have a letter from your doctor explaining why. If your child/ children are currently taking medication, you will need to follow the instructions on the enclosed authorization for administration of medication at school form and return to the main office. Students entering school for the first time, including Kindergarteners and transfer students from out of state, will be required to provide proof of a vision evaluation within six months prior to the student's entrance

THE DAILY BULLETIN: We will continue to put the bulletin out on our school's website daily at sargentpublicschools.org.

THE NEWSLETTER: Newsletter is available by email upon request, on the school's website sargentpublicschools.org, and also on our Facebook page; we will also send one out by mail upon request. If you are interested in receiving the monthly newsletter, please call the office and provide us with either your email address or your Postal address.

PHONE MESSAGES: Students in grades 7-12 will not be called out of class unless it is an obvious emergency. Valuable class time is lost when the office interrupts a class for messages that are not necessary. We ask you not to call your child's cell phone during the school day. If you need to message them, realize they will not be able to check messages until lunchtime or between classes.



Update on School Meal Pricing and Free/Reduced Meal Forms

In April, the Nebraska Legislature passed LB966 establishing the Hunger-Free Act Pilot Program for School Year 2026-27. This pilot program eliminates the reduced breakfast and lunch meal price for students in Public schools that participate in the National School Lunch and Breakfast Programs.

Participating schools cannot charge reduced-price eligible students for reimbursable breakfast and lunch meals. We must continue to determine eligibility for students to receive reduced-price meals at no cost to the household by continuing to collect the Free and Reduced Lunch application for families.

School Meals Pricing for 2026-27 School Year

PK-12 th Grade Breakfast Prices-\$2.00

PK-12 th Grade Lunch Prices-\$3.10



ATTENDANCE

As we begin a new school year, I would like to stress the importance of regular attendance and request your cooperation in maintaining up-to-date and accurate records for attendance. Parents need to notify the school by 8:30 AM if their son or daughter is going to be gone for part or all of the school day. Please be sure to indicate when and why they will be gone, and if they are absent for medical reasons, have them return with a note from their doctor. Students are reminded that school policy requires homework to be turned in before leaving for a planned absence or activity. Organization and planning are an important part of school success, as well as future success. Parents and teachers need to work together to ensure that our students develop good habits and a sense of responsibility toward their commitments.





CELL PHONES and DRESS CODE

It is each student's responsibility to come to school wearing appropriate attire. The student's apparel shall be neat, clean, safe and should not disrupt the instructional process. The principal is given the authority and professional discretion in the management of this policy. **The handbook gives more guidance on this topic, but a few of the policy's rules are listed below.**

Wearing clothing that is sexually suggestive, features crude, vulgar, or profane language, or contains logos that depict tobacco, alcohol, drugs, satanic symbols, hate messages, racial/ethnic slurs, gang affiliations, or derogatory connotations is not allowed.

Also, part of the dress code-Students are not to wear caps, bandanas, hats, hoods, or sunglasses during school hours. These items are to be stored in the student's locker and should not be carried during the day.

Not part of the dress code, but included in the handbook is that **Cell Phones, Earbuds, and Smartwatches will NOT be allowed during class time.** Phones will be stored in a wall pouch during class- if this is going to be a problem for your student, consider keeping them at home.



Fall Activity Parent-Student Meeting FOOTBALL, VOLLEYBALL, CROSS-COUNTRY PARENTS MEETING

Tuesday, August 4th at 7:00 in Taylor

Football Scrimmage
Aug 21st
7:00pm @ Sargent

Volleyball Jamboree Game
Thursday, August 20th vs
Newman Grove/St ED, Bertrand
@ Sargent 5:00



We would like to invite all of our PK-12 families to our 2026 **OPEN HOUSE** on **Monday, August 17th**. We will have a Hamburger Meal from 6:00-7:00 pm; all Community members are welcome to come. There will be a general presentation for all PK-12 Parents at 7:00 pm in the gym to review key information and meet the Sargent Public School Staff. The Elementary teachers will be in their classrooms beginning at 6:45 for students and parents to visit. After the general presentation, staff will be available to assist in getting all paperwork filled out and lunch application forms taken care of, as well as adding money to your lunch account. This is a great chance to meet the staff and hear about some of the things we are doing this year.



Counselor Notes

To help with the start of the school year, time has been set aside to change student schedules. Mrs. Schauda & Mr. Slingsby will be available **August 13th-14th, 9:00 am-4:00 pm**.

Please stop in and see them if you need to make changes.

🐮✨ Sargent Public School is reaching out to our wonderful community! We're looking for local beef or pork to enhance our kitchen's offerings. If you have an abundance of garden produce, we'd love to use that too! 🌽 You can drop off garden produce on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Contact Byron Olsen or Heather Grizzle at 527-4119 for more info.



Sargent Elementary

2026-2027

Recommended Supply List



Kindergarten: Mrs. Hodges

Pencil box
Scissors
1 box 8 regular-sized crayons
4 glue sticks
2 pink erasers
Bookbag (not mini)
Small water bottle that closes
1 box of QUART size Ziploc Bags
1 set of extra clothes

First Grade: Miss Krieger

10 #2 pencils, Sharpened
Cap erasers and 1 large eraser
1 pencil box or pouch
2 glue sticks
Earbuds/headphones
1 box of 24 regular crayons
1 box of 8 classic markers
Small water bottle that closes

Second Grade: Miss Phillipps

10 #2 pencils, Sharpened
2 Large pink erasers
1 Box of 24 crayons
1 Pencil Box
2 Glue Sticks
2 Boxes of Kleenex
1 Box of 8 classic markers
1 Water bottle with a lid
Earbuds/headphones

Third Grade: Mrs. Cooksley

Headphones
Crayola Washable Markers
Scissors
10 #2 pencils
pencil box
2 boxes of Kleenex
4 Glue Sticks
1 wide ruled composition notebook
1 wide ruled notebook
2 pocket folders

Fourth Grade: Mrs. Kirby

#2 Pencils
1 Big Eraser
Colored Pencils
2 College Ruled Notebooks
5 Pocket Folders (3-hole punched)
2 Red Pens
2 Boxes of Kleenex
4 Dry Erase Markers
4 Glue Sticks
1 3 Ring Pencil Pouch
Earbuds

Fifth Grade: Mrs. Larsen

#2 Pencils with cap erasers
1 Big Eraser
Water Bottle with lid
1 5 Subject Notebook
1 Composition Notebook (For Science)
4 Pens- 2 Red 2 colors of choice
Pencil Pouch or box
5 Pocket Folders (3-hole punched)
1 Box of Kleenex
Highlighters
Earbuds

Sixth Grade: Mrs. Phillipps

#2 pencils
Highlighters
3 Red Pens
1 Pocket Folder
2 boxes of Kleenex
4 Composition Notebooks
Colored Pencils
Water Bottle w/Lid
Erasable Pens-Optional
1 Composition Notebook (Social Studies)

Preschool: Mrs. Sybrant

1 Water bottle to leave at school
1 box Kleenex
1 Set of extra clothes
2 packages of baby wipes
A standard-sized backpack

JH English: Mrs. Busch

1 Subject Notebook wide ruled
Highlighter
Folder
Pencils
Erasable Pen
Red Pen
Expo Marker

Optional for all students: P.E. shoes for use in the gym only

GET YOUR SCHOOL SUPPLIES NOW!
SCHOOL BEGINS AUGUST 19, 2026

AUGUST 2026

MON

TUE

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FRI

3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28
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BREAKFAST: Biscuit and
 gravy or cereal

BREAKFAST: Pancake on a
 stick or Omelet

BREAKFAST: Protein ball
 or Poptart

BREAKFAST: Breakfast
 sandwich or PB&J

BREAKFAST: Donut or
 cereal

LUNCH: Mac'n'cheese or
 Chicken Alfredo with
 broccoli, fruit cup and
 milk

LUNCH: Baked Taco with
 lettuce, cheese and
 tomato, Mexican, fruit cup
 and milk

LUNCH: KFC bowl or
 nuggets with mashed
 potatoes, corn, gravy, fruit
 cup and milk

LUNCH: Runza or Pig in a
 blanket with carrots,
 chips, fruit cup and milk

LUNCH: Cheeseburger
 with fries, green beans,
 fruit cup and milk

BREAKFAST: Biscuit and
 gravy or cereal

LUNCH: Pizza subs with
 corn, fresh fruit and milk

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome Back students and
 staff!

All breakfast menus are served
 with yogurt, fruit, juice and milk.

All menu items are subject to
 change based on availability.

This institution is an equal
 opportunity provider, employer
 and lender.

Community

Has your garden been especially
 productive this year?
 We are gladly accepting
 donations of clean, fresh
 produce! Drop it off at the school
 on Tuesday and Thursday
 afternoons!

Stay Connected with Sargent Public Schools!

Visit our website for the latest news, school calendar, lunch menus, forms, and more!

 www.SargentPublicSchools.org

 Follow Us on Facebook

Catch live updates, event reminders, and photos from school activities!

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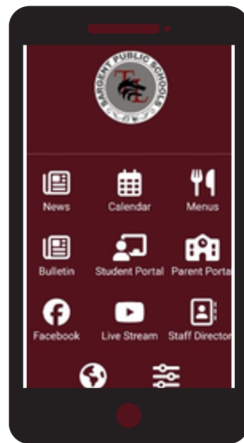
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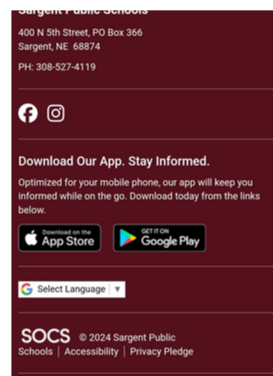
-  Bulletin
-  Calendar
-  Lunch Menus
-  Staff Directory
-  Live Streaming
-  Parent and Student Portal



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**SARGENT PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BUS SCHEDULE
2026-2027**

West Route #1 Bus #20

Jerry Davenport 527-4119 (school)
or cell 214-0082

(Luke Smith)
Juan Acosta-Saenz
(Troy Schauda)
Dairy
(Tom Nelson)
Lee Vincent
Josh Hall



North-East Route #2 Bus 10-2

Cathy Davenport 308214-1039

Danielle Huggins
Sam Grint
Leah Forbes
Terry Horky
(Casey Moon)
(Amy Mauler)
(Ben Morse)

South-East Route #3 Bus 16

Larry Folkers – 215-0710(cell)

Justin Meister
(Josh Barker)
(Randy Treptow)
Sue Hazen
Blair Smith
(Tabitha Fred)
Matt Smith
(Cory Beran)

Your driver will call to let you know an approximate time your child will be picked up. Please work with your driver to adjust times.

Please remember to try and call your driver when your child/children are not riding.

If you live outside city limits and have a preschool student attending SPS this year who will be riding the bus, please call the school office and ask for Jerry.

Subject to change.

SARGENT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

AUGUST 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4 7pm High School Fall Sport Parent Meeting in Taylor	5	6	7	8
9	10 7 pm School Board Meeting First Day of Fall Sports Practice	11	12	13 Teacher Workday/ PD	14 Teacher Workday/ PD	15
16	17 Teacher Workday/ PD 6pm Open House	18 Teacher Workday/ PD	19  First Day of School 1 pm dismissal	20 5pm Volleyball Jamboree in Sargent	21 7pm Football Scrimmage @ Sargent	22
23	24	25	26	27 10am Cross Country @Burwell 5 pm Varsity Volleyball Tri @ Burwell	28 2pm Varsity Football @ North Central	29
30	31 First Day of Preschool					

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Please visit the school calendar online at www.sargentpublicschools.org for most up to date events.

SARGENT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

SEPTEMBER 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 Dist. 10 range Judging -Sargent 4pm CC @ Ainsworth 5pm VB Tri @ A/L 7 pm FB vs Overton @ LC	4	5
6	7 No School Labor Day	8 3pm CC @ Centura	9	10 Area Range Judging 4pm JV/V VB Dual @ CWC	11 7 pm Varsity FB @ A-M	12 9:30 am 7 Valleys VB Tournament in Callaway
13	14 4 pm CC @ Neligh 4:30 pm JH FB 6pm JV FB VS Ravenna @ Home 7pm School Board Meeting	15 5 pm V Volleyball Tri VS NC/Pleasanton @ Taylor	16	17 4 pm JV/V Volleyball Dual VS CWC	18 7 pm Varsity Football vs Mullen @ Taylor	19 9am JH VB Tri @ Merna 10am Varsity Volleyball @ CWC
20	21 Football 4 pm JH 5:30 pm JV Volleyball 4 pm JH 5:30 JV VS North Central @ Sargent	22 6pm Varsity Volleyball vs Central Valley @ Sargent	23 State Range Judging	24 5 pm Varsity Volleyball Dual vs Palmer @ Taylor	25 4pm CC @ Ord 7pm V Football VS CV @ Wolbach	26 10 am Varsity Volleyball @ Brady Tournament
27	28 No School /PD 2:30/4:30pm JH/JV VB 4:30/6 pm JH/JV FB @ South Loup	29	30			

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"Every day is a new opportunity to learn, grow, and shine."



Sargent Public Schools

SARGENT NEBRASKA 68874

PHONE: 5274119 or 5274184

SCHOOL DISTRICT #84

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Children need healthy meals to learn Sargent Public Schools offers healthy meals every school day. Breakfast costs **\$2.00**; lunch costs **\$3.10**. **Your children may qualify for free or reduced-price meals.** In accordance with the Nebraska Hunger-Free Schools Act, reduced price breakfast and lunch are **\$.00** for school year 2026-2027. If your child(ren) qualified for free or reduced price meals at the end of last school year, you must submit a new application by **September 30th, 2026** to avoid an interruption in meal benefits.

This packet includes an application for free or reduced-price meal benefits and a set of detailed instructions. Below are some common questions and answers to help you with the application process.

1. Who can get free or reduced-price meals?

- All children in households receiving benefits from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) or the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) are eligible for free meals.
- Foster children who are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court are eligible for free meals.
- Children participating in their school's Head Start program are eligible for free meals.
- Children who meet the definition of homeless, runaway, or migrant are eligible for free meals.
- Children may receive free or reduced-price meals if your household's income is within the limits on the Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines. Your children may qualify for free or reduced price meals if your household income falls at or below the limits on this chart.

2. How do I know if my children qualify as homeless, migrant, or runaway?

Do the members of your household lack a permanent address? Are you staying together in a shelter, hotel, or other temporary housing arrangement? Does your family relocate on a seasonal basis? Are any children living with you who have chosen to leave their prior family or household? If you believe children in your household meet these descriptions and haven't been told your children will get free meals, please call or e-mail Sargent Public School or Byron Olsen- byron.olsen@sargentpublicschools.org

3. Do I need to fill out an application for each child?

No. Use one Free and Reduced Price School Meals Application for all students in your household. We cannot approve an application that is not complete, so be sure to fill out all required information. Return the completed application to: Sargent Public School PO Box 366 Sargent, NE 68874

4. Should I fill out an application if I received a letter this school year saying my children are already approved for free meals?

No, but please read the letter you got carefully and follow the instructions. If any children in your household were missing from your eligibility notification, contact Sargent Public Schools immediately.

5. Can I apply online?

NO

6. My child's application was approved last year. Do I need to fill out a new one?

Yes. Your child's application is only good for that school year and for the first few days of this school year. You must send in a new application unless the school told you that your child is eligible for the new school year. If you do not send in a new application that is approved by the school, or you have not been notified that your child is eligible for free meals, your child will be charged the full price for meals.

7. I get WIC. Can my children get free meals?

Children in households participating in WIC may be eligible for free or reduced-price meals. Please send in an application.

8. Will the information I give be checked?

Yes. We may also ask you to send written proof of the household income you report.

9. If I don't qualify now, may I apply later?

Yes, you may apply at any time during the school year. For example, children with a parent or guardian who becomes unemployed may become eligible for free and reduced-price meals if the household income drops below the income limit.

10. What if I disagree with the school's decision about my application?

You should talk to school officials. You also may ask for a hearing by calling or writing to: BYRON OLSEN PO BOX 366, SARGENT, NE 68874 OR CALL 308-527-4119.

May I apply if someone in my household is not a U.S. citizen?

Yes. You, your children, or other household members do not have to be U.S. citizens to apply for free or reduced-price meals.

11. What if my income is not always the same?

List the amount that you normally receive. For example, if you normally make \$1000 each month, but you missed some work last month and only made \$900, put down that you made \$1000 per month. If you normally get overtime, include it, but do not include it if you only work overtime sometimes. If you have lost a job or had your hours or wages reduced, use your current income.

12. What if some household members have no income to report?

Household members may not receive some types of income we ask you to report on the application or may not receive income at all. Whenever this happens, please write a 0 in the field. However, if an income field is left empty or blank, those will also be counted as zeroes. Please be careful when leaving income fields blank, as we will assume you meant to do so.

13. We are in the military. Do we report our income differently?

Your basic pay and cash bonuses must be reported as income. If you get any cash value allowances for off-base housing, food, or clothing, it must also be included as income. However, if your housing is part of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative, do not include your housing allowance as income. Any additional combat pay resulting from deployment is also excluded from income.

14. What if there isn't enough space on the application for my family?

List any additional household members on a separate piece of paper, and attach it to your application. Contact Sargent Public School to receive a second application.

15. My family needs more help. Are there other programs we might apply for?

To find out how to apply for SNAP or other assistance benefits, please go online to ACCESSNebraska.ne.gov or call 1-800-383-4278.

If you have other questions or need help, call 308-527-4119.

Sincerely,

Sargent Public School

Lunch Program

Instructions for Completing the Free & Reduced-Price School Meals Family Application

For households receiving benefits from Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)

- **Part 1:** List each child's name, the school they attend, and their grade.
- **Part 2:** Enter the household's Master Case Number if the household qualifies for SNAP, TANF or FDPIR.
- **Part 3:** Skip Part 3.
- **Part 4:** Complete Part 4. An adult must sign the form.
- **Part 5:** Part 5 is optional and does not affect your children's eligibility for free or reduced-price meals.

For households with foster, homeless, migrant or runaway children

If all children in the household are foster children:

- **Part 1:** List all foster children, the school they attend, and their grade. Check the box indicating the child is a foster child.
- **Part 2:** Skip Part 2.
- **Part 3:** Skip Part 3.
- **Part 4:** Complete Part 4. An adult must sign the form.
- **Part 5:** Part 5 is optional and does not affect your children's eligibility for free or reduced price meals. If you do not select race or ethnicity, one may be selected based on visual observation.

If some of the children in the household are foster children or are homeless, migrant or runaway children:

- **Part 1:** List all children, the school they attend, and their grade. Check the appropriate box.
- **Part 2:** If the household does not have a Master Case Number, skip Part 2.
- **Part 3:** Follow the following instructions to report total household income from the previous month.
 - **Column 1: Household Members:**
 - List the first and last name of each person living in your household, related or not (such as grandparents, other relatives, or friends) who share income and expenses. Attach another sheet of paper if necessary.
 - **Column 2: Gross Income and How Often it was Received:**
 - Gross income is the amount earned before taxes and other deductions; it is not your take-home pay. For each household member, list each type of income received for the month. You must also report how often the money is received – weekly, every other week, twice a month, or monthly. Do not include income from SNAP, FDPIR, WIC, Federal education benefits and foster care payments. If you have no income, write "0" or leave the income field blank. By doing this, you are certifying there is no income to report.
 - Earnings from Work includes the following:
 - Salary, wages, cash bonuses

- Net income from self-employment (farm or business)
- If you are in the U.S. Military, include:
 - Basic pay and cash bonuses (do not include combat pay, Family Subsistence Supplemental
 - Allowance (FSSA) payments or privatized housing allowances)
 - Allowances for off-base housing, food and clothing
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- Public Assistance/Child Support/Alimony includes the following:
 - Unemployment benefits, Worker's compensation
 - Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Cash assistance from state or local government
 - Veteran's benefits (VA benefits), Strike benefits
 - Child support payments, Alimony payments
- Pensions/Retirement/All Other Income includes the following:
 - Social Security payments
 - Private pensions or Disability benefits
 - Regular income from trusts or estates, Annuities, Investment income, Earned interest, Rental income
 - Regular cash payments received from outside the household
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- **Household Size:**
 - Enter the total number of people in your household.
- **Social Security Number:**
 - The adult signing the form must list the last four digits of their Social Security Number (SSN) or check the box to the right labeled "Check if no SSN."

- **Part 4:** Complete this part. An adult must sign the form.
- **Part 5:** This part is optional and does not affect your children's eligibility for free or reduced price meals. If you do not select race or ethnicity, one may be selected based on visual observation.

Please note: Children who meet the definition of homeless, migrant or runaway, are eligible for free meals. However, the school district must have documentation on file from a migrant coordinator, homeless/runaway liaison, or the district's Direct Certification list to approve the child for free meals.

For ALL other households

- **Part 1:** List all children, the school they attend and their grade.
- **Part 2:** If the household does not have a Master Case Number, skip this part.
- **Part 3:** Follow these instructions to report total household income from last month.
 - **Column 1 – Household Members:**
 - List the first and last name of each person living in your household, related or not (such as grandparents, other relatives or friends) who share income and expenses. Attach another sheet of paper if necessary.

○ **Column 2 - Gross Income and How Often it was Received:**

- Gross income is the amount earned before taxes and other deductions; it is not your take-home pay. For each household member, list each type of income received for the month. You must also report how often the money is received – weekly, every other week, twice a month, or monthly. Do not include income from SNAP, FDPIR, WIC, Federal education benefits and foster care payments. If you have no income, write “0” or leave the income field blank. By doing this, you are certifying there is no income to report.
- Earnings from Work includes the following:
 - Salary, wages, cash bonuses
 - Net income from self-employment (farm or business)
 - If you are in the U.S. Military, include:
 - Basic pay and cash bonuses (do not include combat pay, Family Subsistence Supplemental
 - Allowance (FSSA) payments or privatized housing allowances)
 - Allowances for off-base housing, food and clothing
- Public Assistance/Child Support/Alimony includes the following:
 - Unemployment benefits, Worker’s compensation
 - Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Cash assistance from state or local government
 - Veteran’s benefits (VA benefits), Strike benefits
 - Child support payments, Alimony payments
- Pensions/Retirement/All Other Income includes the following:
 - Social Security payments (including railroad retirement and black lung benefits)
 - Private pensions or Disability benefits
 - Regular income from trusts or estates, Annuities, Investment income, Earned interest, Rental income
 - Regular cash payments received from outside the household.

○ **Household Size:**

- Enter the total number of people in your household.

○ **Social Security Number:**

- The adult signing the form must list the last four digits of their Social Security Number (SSN) or check the box to the right labeled “Check if no SSN.”

- **Part 4:** Complete this part. An adult must sign the form.
- **Part 5:** This part is optional and does not affect your children’s eligibility for free or reduced price meals. If you do not select race or ethnicity, one may be selected based on visual observation.

Your children may qualify for free or reduced price meals if your household income falls at or below the limits on this chart.

FEDERAL INCOME CHART for School Year 2026-27					
Household size	Yearly	Monthly	Twice per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	29,526	2,461	1,231	1,136	568
2	40,034	3,337	1,669	1,540	770
3	50,542	4,212	2,106	1,944	972
4	61,050	5,088	2,544	2,349	1,175
5	71,558	5,964	2,982	2,753	1,377
6	82,066	6,839	3,420	3,157	1,579
7	92,574	7,715	3,858	3,561	1,781
8	103,082	8,591	4,296	3,965	1,983
Each additional person:	10,508	876	438	405	203

The **Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act** requires the information on this application. You do not have to give the information, but if you do not, we cannot approve your child for free or reduced price meals. You must include the last four digits of the social security number of the adult household member who signs the application. The last four digits of the social security number are not required when you apply on behalf of a foster child or you list a Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) case number or other FDPIR identifier for your child or when you indicate that the adult household member signing the application does not have a social security number. We will use your information to determine if your child is eligible for free or reduced price meals and for administration and enforcement of the lunch and breakfast programs. We may share your eligibility information with education, health and nutrition programs to help them evaluate, fund or determine benefits for their programs, auditors for program reviews and law enforcement officials to help them look into violations of program rules.

Non-Discrimination Statement: This explains what to do if you believe you have been treated unfairly.

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1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Mail Stop 9410
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410

Fax:
(202) 690-7442

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Computing Income for Self-Employed Individuals

Individuals who are self-employed or engaged in farming may experience variations in cash flow and cannot easily report a monthly income. These individuals can use their 2025 U.S. Individual Income Tax Return Form 1040 to report self-employment income for the free and reduced-price meal application. The income to report is income derived from the business venture less operating costs incurred in the generation of that income. Deductions for personal expenses such as interest on home mortgages, medical expenses and other similar non-business items are not allowed in reducing gross business income.

When completing this form, **losses** (negative numbers) reported on any of the lines below are included when determining the **total** self-employed income. If the total income is a negative number, it is to be recorded as zero on the meal application in the column labeled "All Other Income".

Zero income resulting from use of the 1040 Form does not require follow-up.

Important Reminders from the U.S. Individual Income Tax Return Form 1040:

Line 1 cannot be used to report current income. Income from wages or salaries must be reported on the application for the most recent month.

Line 9 (Total Income) and line 11 (Adjusted Gross Income) cannot be used for the purpose of applying for free and reduced-price meals.

The five line items listed below are used to determine allowable self-employment income.

From the first page of the U.S. Individual Income Tax Return Form 1040:

Line 7 Capital Gain or (loss) _____

From the U.S. Individual Income Tax Return Form 1040 – SCHEDULE 1 - under Part 1 - Additional Income:

Line 3 Business Income or (loss) _____

Line 4 Other Gains or (losses) _____

Line 5 Rental Real Estate, etc. _____

Line 6 Farm Income or (loss) _____

Total of the above five lines: _____ **equals annual self-employed income ***

* Report this figure on the meal application in the column labeled "All Other Income".

If the total of the above lines is a negative number, it must be changed to zero before it is transferred to the meal application.

NOTE: This form is used only to report income from self-employment and/or farming. If any members of the household have income from other jobs, the gross income from those jobs must be reported on the meal application form.

REQUEST TO PROVIDE MEDICATION DURING SCHOOL HOURS:

COUGH DROPS, ANTIBIOTIC OINTMENT, ACETAMINOPHEN (Tylenol) AND IBUPROFEN

If Completing for more than one student – please write name of student next to the dosage student may have.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS:

Sargent Public School will stock Cough Drops, Antibiotic Ointment, Acetaminophen (Tylenol) 325 mg tablets, Acetaminophen (Tylenol) Liquid and Ibuprofen (Advil) 200 mg tablets and Ibuprofen Liquid in the Main Office. The following consent form will allow your child to be allowed to receive these medications during school hours. **We are required to attempt to notify you by text or phone of your child's request prior to administering the medication.** Your written consent is required before your child may receive these medications at school. Please complete the entire form. By signing below, you acknowledge the following: You have reviewed the information and agree that your child may safely take the medications.

The school nurse or designee has the responsibility of approving your child's use of these medications. Your child's medication may be administered by a nurse, an unlicensed health technician, or other school personnel, determined competent to provide medication as required by Nebraska law.

PARENTAL CONSENT FOR COUGH DROPS, ANTIBIOTIC OINTMENT, ACETAMINOPHEN AND/OR IBUPROFEN:

I give permission for _____

To receive the following medication:

Cough Drops: _____ yes _____ no

Antibiotic Ointment: _____ yes _____ no

Acetaminophen (Tylenol) _____ yes _____ no
_____ 1 (325 mg tablet) every 4 hours
_____ or 2 (325 mg tablet) every 4 hours

Ibuprofen (Advil) _____ yes _____ no
_____ 1 (200 mg tablet) every 6 hours
_____ 2 (200 mg tablets) every 6 hours

We will stock Acetaminophen (Tylenol) **liquid (160 mg per 5 ml)** for those who cannot swallow pills. However, we need your child's approximate weight and the dose to be administered

Child's Approximate Weight Only **needed if taking LIQUID Medication:**

24-35 pounds – 5 ml (1 tsp) or 160 mg _____

36-47 pounds – 7.5 ml (1 ½ tsp) or 240 mg _____

48-59 pounds – 10 ml (2 tsp) or 320 mg _____

60 – 71 pounds – 12.5 ml (2 ½ tsp) or 400 mg _____

72-95 pounds - 15 ml (3 tsp) or 480 mg _____

Signature of Guardian _____ Date _____

If you prefer a text, Phone number to Text _____

Or If you prefer a call, phone number to call _____



Sargent FBLA Members Compete at National Leadership Conference

Nine members of the Sargent High School Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) chapter recently returned from an unforgettable week at the 2026 FBLA National Leadership Conference (NLC) in San Antonio, Texas. The group departed Sargent on June 27 and returned home in the early morning hours of July 4 after competing against the nation's best and celebrating an incredible national championship. Accompanied by their adviser, Jan Osborn, the students qualified to compete in five events after earning their spots at the Nebraska FBLA State Leadership Conference in Kearney. Osborn also served as a chaperone for a student from Axtell High School during the trip.

Outside of conference activities, the Sargent students enjoyed experiencing San Antonio together. Staying at a hotel on the famous River Walk allowed the group to take a river cruise, explore the shops and restaurants, and experience the city's unique atmosphere. One evening, the students attended The Saga, a breathtaking 24-minute multimedia projection show that transforms the historic San Fernando Cathedral into a colorful display depicting the history of San Antonio, Texas, and the United States. Several students also visited the Alamo while others continued shopping.



The Nebraska FBLA delegation also enjoyed an evening at Andretti Indoor Karting and Games, followed by a trip to a Texas ranch for an authentic rodeo experience with FBLA members from across the country. Throughout the week, students sampled local favorites, with many making their first visits to Hard Rock Cafe, Whataburger, and Margaritaville.

One of the highlights of the conference for many Sargent members was trading state pins with students from across the

United States, building friendships and connections with fellow FBLA members from coast to coast.

The Sargent chapter also found success in national competition. Corbin Bye advanced to the final round of competition, finishing among the top 16 competitors in the nation in Introduction to Business Presentation—an outstanding accomplishment at the national level. The chapter then celebrated an unforgettable moment as Isaiah Sinachack, their travel buddy from Axtell, advanced to the stage in Digital Video Production. As the awards were announced, Isaiah continued moving up the rankings until he was named the National Champion, earning first place! The Sargent delegation proudly cheered him on as he accepted his championship on stage.



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"I traveled with a great group of students who experienced many firsts during this trip," said adviser Jan Osborn. "One student had never flown before, three members attended both their first State Leadership Conference and National Leadership Conference this year, and most had never visited San Antonio. Returning to Sargent after such a big event makes me excited for another year with these students in FBLA. They come home with more confidence, greater dedication, and an even better understanding of the opportunities available to them through hard work."



The Sargent FBLA chapter extends its sincere appreciation to the businesses, organizations, and community members whose financial support made the trip possible. A special thank you goes to the Bulldog Education Foundation, SWAT, The Rescue, Hamilton Communications, the Sargent School Board, and the Sargent Chamber of Commerce. We also appreciate Mr. Olsen for driving half of us to the airport and back. This generosity helped provide students with an educational experience and lifelong memories that will continue to inspire them long after returning home.

For the Sargent students, the week was much more than a competition—it was an opportunity to grow as leaders, represent their school and community on a national stage, and create memories that will last a lifetime.



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When to Stay Home from School

Fever A temperature of 100° or higher	Coughing that won't stop or other problems with breathing	Diarrhea or Vomiting within the past 24 hours	Rash Body rash with itching and /or fever	Head Lice Itchy head, active head lice	Eye Infection Eye is red and oozing a yellow or green discharge	Any Questions.

When you May Return to School

Fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication like ibuprofen or acetaminophen.	Cough is mild and infrequent and evaluated by doctor if needed.	Free from diarrhea and/or vomiting for at least 24 hours and evaluated by doctor if needed.	Free from rash, itching or fever and evaluated by doctor if needed.	After first head lice treatment.	24 hours after starting antibiotic eyedrops or ointment.	Call School Nurse 527-4119
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